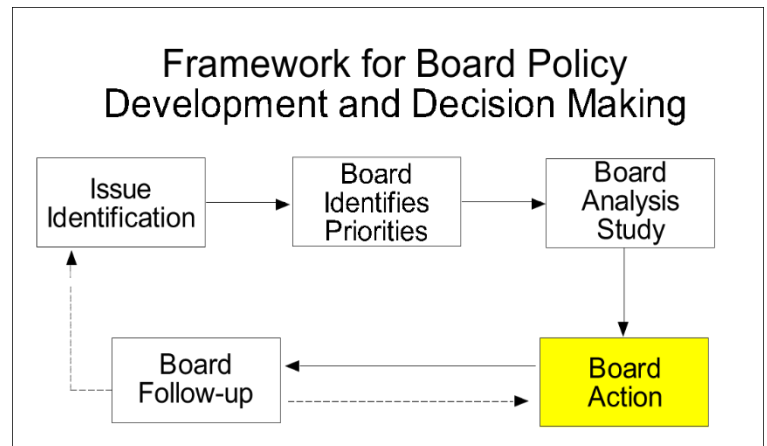


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

March 30, 2017



Agenda Item: National Association of State Boards of Education Grant from the Foundation for Child Development

Iowa Goal(s): All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.

State Board Role/Authority: Reducing Achievement Gaps and Improving Teacher and Leader Preparation are two of the State Board's priorities.

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Attachment(s): None

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the board's participation in the National Association of State Boards of Education network and accept the grant of \$14,000.

Background: The National Association of State Boards of Education grant is from the Foundation for Child Development. The grant builds the capacities of state boards to support the early education workforce. Iowa is one of three states receiving this grant along with Michigan and New York. This is a two-year grant and it awards each state \$7,000 per year.

The grant will allow the State Board to focus on addressing the needs of K-3 teachers by assisting them in delivering high-quality early literacy programming to students. The State Board intends to do this by developing a standard of care for K-3 teachers, which can be implemented in classrooms. After developing effective practices, the State Board will create policies to ensure teacher preparation programs produce teachers who are both knowledgeable and have the ability to implement good practice in their classrooms.